

FRANCE'S REPORTED ACCEPTANCE OF NAVAL RATIO HOLDS UP PARLEY

**French Delegation at Arms
Conference Nonplussed
Over Report from Lon-
don That French Govern-
ment Had Accepted the
American Plan**

**ASKED RECESS
FOR 24 HOURS
TO GET MESSAGE**

**Five Power Treaty to Lim-
it Naval Armament
Seems to Have Been
Brought Much Nearer by
This New Move From
France — Confirmation
Awaited**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19 (By the Associated Press)—A five-power treaty to limit naval armament apparently has been brought much nearer by a new move on the part of France.

Fresh instructions for the French delegation, said unofficially to include Premier Briand's acceptance of the American proposal for French naval strength, reached Washington today and impelled the French delegates to ask for a 24-hour recess in the naval negotiations while they decoded the message and pondered its contents.

Meantime despite unofficial advice from abroad saying there has been a positive acceptance by the French government, conference leaders are sounding a note of warning against over-optimism.

The French themselves manifest great surprise at the newspaper cable dispatches reporting an acceptance. They had presented a proposal for a French capital ship fleet as great as that provided under the American figures and they are not ready to believe their home government has so quickly accepted the lesser proposition unless there are important conditions attached.

In some quarters it is regarded as probable that the message from M. Briand, which is of considerable length, makes the capital ship arrangement contingent on a settlement regarding auxiliary craft which will give France what she wants in submarines and cruisers.

Should it turn out, however, that an unconditional acceptance is contained in the premier's cablegram, a five-power agreement on naval might might be only a question of hours. With the United States, Great Britain and Japan already agreed as to their own relative strength and Italy indicating an earnest desire to take her place in an armament league, the French attitude is the key to the whole problem. Premier Briand's message, however, the French delegation just before the hour set for today's session of the naval committee of fifteen and a 24-hour postponement was announced to permit deciphering of the cablegram and its translation into concrete proposals which the delegates can lay before the committee.

CURLEY SEEKS INJUNCTION

To Hold Up Garbage Contract in City of Boston.

Boston, Dec. 19.—Injunction proceedings were begun in the supreme court here today by Mayor-elect James M. Curley and others to restrain Mayor Andrews J. Peters and members of the city council from approving an agreement with Coleman Brothers, Inc., for removal of waste and garbage in this city. The proposed agreement it is alleged, was entered into October 22, last, would run from July 1, 1922, when the present contract expires, would cost the city \$345,000 annually and would be "unnecessary, imprudent and wasteful of the city's money."

CROKER VERY ILL

Former Tammany Chief's Wife Sends Message.

Pyrro, Okla., Dec. 19.—A cablegram stating that Richard Croker, former Tammany chieftain of New York, was very ill, sent by his wife, Mrs. Beulah Benton Edmondson Croker, has summoned Bruce Garrett, a local citizen, hurriedly to Ireland, it became known today. Mrs. Croker is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Edmondson of this city.

TOO VICIOUS TACKLE

Disabled Three Women Spectators of Football Game.

Miami, Fla., Dec. 19.—When a football player making and end run in a game here yesterday was tackled on the side line, three women were knocked down, one of them, Mrs. C. B. Colby of Coconut Grove, suffering a fracture of the left leg. As the players dashed down the field, the women became wedged in by the crowd and were unable to get out of the path of the oncoming players.

Injured When House Was Blown Over.

Elizabeth, N. J., Dec. 18.—Samuel Edgar, his wife and two-year-old son of Linden, were injured early today when their small frame house was blown from its foundation by a wind storm and toppled into Linden creek.

NEW CHARGES RULED OUT

And Pelletier Wins Postponement to December 27

**AFTER HEARING
BEFORE FULL BENCH**

**Allen Had Alleged Pelletier
Used Office for Personal
Gain**

Boston, Dec. 19.—The hearing of evidence in the proceedings brought by Attorney General J. Weston Allen looking to the removal from office of District Attorney Joseph C. Pelletier of Suffolk county on charges of malfeasance was postponed today until Dec. 27, at the request of the defense. The full bench of the supreme court granted a motion of the United States Senator James A. Reed, counsel for Pelletier seeking postponement on the ground that his presence in Washington was necessary at this time because of complications of a serious nature that have arisen there. The senator told the court that these complications had developed in the Senate committee considering the refunding or foreign loans.

The court announced that because of pressure of business the hearing of evidence in this case must continue on and after Dec. 27, without interruption.

The new charges which Attorney General Allen attempted to offer were ruled out by the court as coming too late for consideration. One of these charges alleged that Mr. Pelletier misused the power of his office to give pecuniary benefit for himself, and the other alleged an attempt to induce others to swear falsely. Four specifications relating to some of the original charges were admitted by the court over the objection of the defense which alleged that they were indefinite and had to do with matters five or six years old and therefore out of date.

After the charges had been given Senator Reed began an argument on the question of the constitutionality of the proceedings, challenging the jurisdiction of the court. This question came up on an adverse ruling by one of the justices on a petition of Mr. Pelletier for a writ of prohibition against the full bench to stop further proceedings on the ground that an active officer was subject to removal only by impeachment.

GREAT GALE DROVE 12 VESSELS ASHORE

The Damage in Buffalo and Vicinity

Estimated at \$1,000,000.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 19.—An examination of the grain fleet, part of which was blown ashoreward from the lee of the main breakwater in yesterday's 85-mile an hour gale, shows that 12 out of the 54 vessels are resting on sand bars, but none is in a position of danger. Several were towed back to the breakwater this morning.

The damage by the storm in the city, along the lake shore and on the east shore of the Niagara river, between here and Niagara Falls is estimated at \$1,000,000. Scores of bathhouses and squatters' shanties on Bird island pier, Squaw island and Rattlesnake island, narrow strips of land between the river and the large canal, were swept into the river.

The wind blew from the southwest directly down Lake Erie, piling up water 10 to 12 feet above normal.

LOST ARM IN SAW

William A. Buchanan of Windsor the Victim.

Windsor, Dec. 19.—William W. Buchanan, former city marshal of Franklin, N. H., lost his arm as a result of an accident with the circular saw of a wood-sawing machine here Saturday afternoon. He was taken to a hospital in Claremont immediately after the accident and surgeons found it necessary to amputate the injured member.

Buchanan was a resident of Franklin up to about two years ago. Since that time he has been in charge of a stock farm in Windsor. The farm he bought from Walter F. Duffy of Franklin in his earlier years. Buchanan was prominent in athletics in Franklin and its vicinity.

PEACEFUL PICKETING UPHELD BY COURT

Arizona Act of 1913 Prohibiting Issuance of Injunction in Peaceful Cases Wins.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—The Arizona act of 1913, prohibiting issuance of injunctions restraining picketing was, in effect, upheld by the supreme court today, so far as it prevents court interference with peaceful picketing.

TWO FATALITIES IN RIOT

Packing House Strike at Sioux City Has Gun Fight.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 19.—Deputy Sheriff Lewis R. Jones, 22, son of Sheriff W. H. Jones, and Hassen Kaled, a sympathizer with striking packing house workers, were fatally wounded in a gun fight early today. They died in a hospital.

Essex Junction Firm Incorporated.

The A. B. Rugg company has filed articles of association with the secretary of state to do a general wholesale merchandise business in Essex Junction. The capital stock is \$60,000, in 200 shares at \$300 each. The incorporators are Archie B. Rugg, Irving E. Huntley, A. B. Yandow, J. C. Hartwell, and James B. Vile of Essex Junction and Carl A. Weston and Ceylon L. Greene of Burlington.

DIRE THINGS PREDICTED FOR 1926 WHEN MARS AND MERCURY MEET

London, Dec. 19.—The year 1926 is destined to shake the world to its foundation, both physically and politically. It is to be a succession of plagues, famine, floods, shipwrecks, rioting and revolution, says the British Journal of Astrology, which has drawn the horoscope for that year, when the planets Mars and Mercury, will be in conjunction.

Six years later, the great Armageddon is to take place. It will be a final conflict between Mohammedanism, allied with Bolshevism, against the united Anglo-Saxon world. It will end in a "universal peace" in 1932, but "there will be so few of us left and we shall all be so tired that peace should happen anyhow," the horoscope says.

\$2,500 MONUMENT TO WORLD WAR DOGS

Memorial of Canine Sculpture to Be Set Up at Hartsdale, N. Y.

New York, Dec. 19.—A monument to perpetuate the memory of messenger dogs that served on the battlefields of France and Belgium is to be erected in the canine cemetery at Hartsdale, near White Plains, N. Y. The memorial, it was announced by plot holders today, will cost \$2,500.

Designed by a well known sculptor, the monument is to stand on a boulder overlooking a much traveled motor highway and will consist of a war dog of heroic size, with a collar and canteen of bronze. A bronze tablet will bear a legend to remind posterity of the dog's aid in defeating the Germans.

The Hartsdale cemetery is said to be the only animal burial ground in the United States, with the one in Paris its only rival in the world. It covers four acres and contains hundreds of monuments, headstones and vaults to mark the resting place of beloved pets.

MRS. MAZIE KIRBY FOUND GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

Prominent Michigan Temperance Worker Was Accused in Connection With Disappearance of Nameless Grandchild.

Adrian, Mich., Dec. 19.—Mazie Kirby, prominent state temperance worker, accused of manslaughter in connection with the disappearance of her nameless grandchild, was convicted in circuit court here today. The jury reached its verdict early Saturday evening, but the finding was sealed and withheld until court opened this morning.

Counsel for Mrs. Kirby immediately moved for a new trial. Judge Hart announced he would hear the motion Dec. 27 and the \$5,000 bond under which Mrs. Kirby has been held was renewed.

DR. C. F. WHITNEY CHOSEN

As Director of State Laboratory of Hygiene in Burlington.

Burlington, Dec. 19.—Charles F. Whitney, M. S., M. D., of Kingsley, Vt., was chosen by the state board of health at a meeting here Friday evening as director of the state laboratory of hygiene. He will assume his new duties Jan. 1. Dr. Whitney succeeds the late Dr. Bingham H. Stone, whose recent death left the office vacant. Since 1911, Charles F. Whitney has been in charge of the state laboratory for many years, has been acting director and he will continue in that capacity until the first of the year.

Dr. Charles F. Whitney has been a medical-legal chemist at the state laboratory since 1912. He is thoroughly acquainted with court work, with medical-legal work and, in fact, with all departments of the state laboratory routine.

The new director is a native of South Burlington, having been born there on March 28, 1874. He was prepared for college at Burlington high school, and was graduated from the University of Vermont academic department with the degree of bachelor of science in chemistry in 1897.

In the fall of 1897, Dr. Whitney became instructor in chemistry under Professor Nathaniel C. Hilditch. He is now working for his master's degree. He entered the college of medicine in 1900 while continuing to teach chemistry. He received his degree as a doctor of medicine from the university in 1903.

For several years following, he took up bacteriological work at the Boston City laboratory, Boston. He became connected with the University of Vermont again in 1912, as assistant professor of physiological chemistry and toxicology. Later, he became a full professor in these subjects.

GREET M. METAXAKIS.

Churchmen of Orthodox Russian, Greek and Other Communities Gather.

New York, Dec. 19.—Churchmen of the orthodox Russian, Greek and other eastern communities gathered here today with high officials of the Episcopal church of the United States to greet Melitios Metaxakis, ecumenical patriarch-elect of Constantinople.

The service, a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at the Russian cathedral on East 75th street, was looked forward to by clergy and laity alike as the first public appearance of the Greek prelate since the announcement of his elevation as well as the first in the western hemisphere at which the supreme head of the Eastern church has ever officiated.

WOUNDS LED TO MEN'S ARREST

Shot By Policeman at Framingham, Sought Aid at Hospital

**TRIO SURPRISED
WHILE AT ROBBERY**

Two Hit in the Arm As They Fled Over a Fence

Framingham, Mass., Dec. 19.—Wounded by a patrolman who said he had found them trying to break into the plant of the Gulf Refining company here early today, George J. McCarthy and Thomas Sheehy, with another man, fled over a fence and across a swamp, engaged an automobile and extended their flight to Boston, only to be forced by their wounds to seek surgical attention, and as a result were arrested at St. Elizabeth's hospital.

Francis Conlon was arrested here as the third man.

McCarthy was shot in the left arm, and Sheehy was wounded in the right arm.

Patrolman William K. Merritt said he fired three shots. The men had broken a window and were climbing in when he surprised them, he said.

Earl T. Crawford and Edmund T. Doherty were apprehended with the wounded men at the hospital, but were released on their statement that they had rented their automobile to the men without knowledge that they were fugitives. McCarthy and Sheehy, they said, had explained that they were wounded in a quarrel over cards.

LIQUOR STORER SENTENCED.

Emile Chevalier of Johnson Sent to State Prison.

Johnson, Dec. 19.—Emile Chevalier, liverrman, was sentenced Saturday to not less than eight nor more than 10 months at the state's prison as a result of storing liquor that had been smuggled into this country. Three men giving the names of Carl Sherborn and Harvey Lumbard of Worcester, Mass., and William Oulter of Arlington, Mass., are held under arrest at the county jail at Hyde Park, pending investigation as to whether they are old hands at their smuggling game. The hearings were held here at the office of State Attorney W. E. Tracy and the seizure of the hidden booze and the arrests of the four men caused excitement in the village.

A phone message from Mr. Young, a farmer living about a mile from the village, to State Attorney Tracy Saturday morning at 6:30 o'clock, informed him that a big Packard was apparently stolen before his house, and that the driver seemed very nervous. When the officers arrived on the scene they found two others with the driver and arrested all three.

It was learned that the car, loaded with booze, came down from Canada through Rehford, Montgomery and toward Belvidere. In Avon, Conn., the machine broke down so the men hired a taxi to bring the booze to Belvidere and stored it in the home of a man living alone at what is known as Rattling brook. The three men came to Johnson, arriving here about 10:30 Friday night, and engaged Chevalier to go with the team to Belvidere and bring on the booze. This he did, arriving here about 6:30 Saturday morning. The officers went to the barn and found eight cases of booze hidden in the hay. Chevalier, being an old offender, was given a prison term. He is also under bonds for having stored his possession, property stolen from the Mitigay store at Enosburg Falls.

PLANS ABOUT COMPLETED.

For the Tenth Annual Conference of Vermont Older Boys.

The plans for the tenth annual conference of the Older Boys of Vermont, to be held in Barre Jan. 13, 14 and 15, are about completed, and everything indicates that it will be another great gathering of the older boys of Vermont like those of previous years.

The boys of Vermont have been glad to attend a conference of this kind and each year has seen five or five hundred of them coming from all parts of the state for this gathering, which is planned with the thought of giving them inspiration and information along lines of work in which they are much interested, for themselves and with other fellows.

The people of Barre kindly offer free entertainment for the registered delegates in their homes, but the registration cards must be sent before Jan. 10. The conference is open to all boys fifteen years of age and above, representing all churches and organizations for work with boys.

Among the speakers will be Governor Hartness, Rev. G. W. Hinkley, Governor of Good Will farm, Maine; H. W. Gibson, state work secretary of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; John G. Olmstead of the United Y. M. C. A. schools; Jared Van Wageningen, Jr., of the New York state department of agriculture, and possibly Albert B. Roberts and Bishop Hughes.

Full information about the conference may be obtained from ministers, school men, scout masters, etc., and from Byron N. Clark, Y. M. C. A. building, Burlington.

TOTAL AUTOS 37,254.

Which Is Nearly Six Thousand More Than In 1920.

With but half a month left in 1921, the "automobile registration work is practically closed for the year, and the comparison in figures shows 37,254 machines registered in 1921 against 31,613 in 1920 and 29,608 in 1919. The increase in this year was 5,641 over 1920 and 7,646 over 1919.

WILLIAMSTOWN BOY HURT.

When Struck by Rear End of Car Driven by George Calderara.

Automobile accidents reported today to the secretary of state include the report of the death of Allen Munnell of Champlain street, Burlington, under the wheels of a Standard Oil company truck driver, by Frank L. Deslauriers of St. Albans near the corner of College and Lake streets in Burlington on Saturday. The boy was sliding down College street and went under the truck, dying instantly. This is the twenty-sixth fatal accident to be reported this year. The report states that the car was going less than 10 miles per hour. Deslauriers had not been involved in any other accident during his six years of driving.

The slight injury of Billy Hutchinson of Williamstown when he was struck by the rear end of a car driven by George Calderara of Barre in Williamstown on Dec. 10, has been reported. The boy was bruised on one arm, one leg and his jaw, when the rear mudguard of the car struck him and threw him down. The report states that the boy jumped from behind a sleigh at the side of the road.

J. W. Coffey of Burlington has reported being run into by a car carrying the license plates numbered 19432, at the corner of Shelburne road and Clymer street in Burlington on Dec. 15. One mudguard and the radius rods of Mr. Coffey's car were damaged.

Alfred Barber of Rutland reports that two fenders and the windshield of his car were damaged when the rear end of a car carrying Massachusetts license 5657 skidded into him on Dec. 16 between Nashua and Manchester, N. H. Slight accidents were reported by Walter Duquette of Newport and Charles B. Keefe of Rutland.

MARY ELLEN DADY.

One of Barre's Older Residents Died Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Dady, one of Barre's older residents, passed away at the home of her uncle, Randall French, in South Barre Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Mrs. Dady was ill only two weeks, a severe cold hastening heart failure.

Mrs. Dady was the daughter of William and Mary (French) Hackett and was born in Barre May 18, 1849. She was married to Delbert Dady who died about eight years ago. One son was born to them, Silas E. He passed away in Massachusetts last year. Mrs. Dady was a member of the Ladies of the G. A. R. and was also interested in the work of the Universalist church, being a member. Besides the uncle above mentioned, she is survived by another uncle, Albert French of South Barre, and by two nieces, Mrs. Kate Tanner of Concord Junction, Mass., and Mrs. Stella Burns of Lake Haven, Pa.

The funeral will be held from the French home in South Barre Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. F. O. Harker will officiate and interment will be in the family lot in Elmwood cemetery.

STATE PRISON FUGITIVE CAUGHT

H. C. Clifford Hauled Out From Under Bed in Clarencville, P. Q.

Burlington, Dec. 19.—Hauled out from under a bed in a house in Clarencville, P. Q., where he had been hiding, H. C. Clifford was captured by the Windsor prison about six weeks ago, was brought to Burlington Saturday by A. A. Griggs, inspector in the state automobile department, and lodged in the county jail here. Clifford will be taken back to Windsor today.

Clifford was sentenced by Justice W. P. Wright in municipal court at Newport to serve a term of six months for driving an automobile after his license had been revoked. He had been at Windsor about four weeks when he escaped from a garage outside the prison where he was working.

A few days ago, Mr. Griggs learned that Clifford was in Clarencville. In company with Sheriff Mott of Alburg Mr. Griggs went to Clarencville early Saturday morning and located his man. Clifford saw the officers drive into the yard and took refuge under the bed. His hiding place was found, however, and he accompanied the officers with out much trouble.

SWEETSER SUES EATON.

Claims One of Pair of Horses Not As Represented.

Fred Sweetser of Moretown has entered suit in Washington county court for \$500 damages alleged to have resulted from the purchase of a pair of horses by the plaintiff from F. L. Eaton. The horses were purchased on June 1, last for \$450 on the statement of the defendant that they were sound and free from fault. Since then, the specifications state, it has developed that the off horse of the pair is not as represented and that the value of the pair is lessened by the sum of \$250.00, for which an attachment is sought. On June 15, it is stated, the horses ran away, doing damage to a wagon and his harness to the amount of \$16.

REV. F. A. POOLE ACCEPTS.

Will Leave St. Johnsbury for Weymouth, Mass.

St. Johnsbury, Dec. 19.—Following the announcement last week of the call to the Old South Union church at Weymouth, Mass., the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Francis A. Poole as pastor of the South church was read yesterday morning to take effect the last of January, 1922. Dr. Poole came to St. Johnsbury in 1917 following an eight year's pastorate in the Union church, Worcester, Mass. Prior to that he was pastor of the Congregational church in Barre for a period of eight years.

LITTLE-BOUTWELL.

White River Junction Parties Married at Bethel.

Bethel, Dec. 19.—Henry F. Little and Miss Grace Boutwell, both of White River Junction, were married last evening by Rev. J. Wesley Miller at the home of the bride's father, Mr. J. H. Little. The bride is the daughter of the late Herbert E. Boutwell of Bethel and is well known here. Mr. Little is a clerk at the A. & P. store in White River Junction and has been accepted as a manager at some other place, not yet announced.

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The Christmas recess will begin on Wednesday noon of this week and the winter term will start Jan. 4.

Miss Mary Riley of Newton, Mass., is in Barre to pass the holiday season with friends.

Water leaked into several cellars in the south-end yesterday when floating ice on the Stevens branch jammed at the dam near Elmwood street. No damage resulted, however, although the water was backed up by the jam for several hundred yards. Superintendent of streets, Arley Freeman, and his men, released the ice by setting off four charges of dynamite and the water immediately receded.

NO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED

And Boston Conference on Granite Bill Adjourned Saturday

**EMPLOYERS WILL
MEET AGAIN DEC. 27**

**There is a Possibility That
Local Conferences May
Be Held**

The Boston conference on a proposed bill in the granite industry which was in session for two days ended Saturday afternoon with no agreement having been reached on any definite basis of settlement; and the delegates dispersed to their various homes. The Barre members of the conference returned Sunday.

The conference on Saturday was held after a adjournment to Friday had been changed, as there was a belief by some that an understanding might be reached the next day. The pros and cons of the situation were rehearsed thoroughly on Saturday, and it is understood that sub-committees of employers and employees endeavored to frame a proposal to be presented to the main conference but without coming to any understanding. After that effort the conference was brought to a close.

However, the negative result at the Boston conference will not prevent any efforts locally which may be made to draw up a bill; and it is not improbable that local conferences may see some basis on which they can get together in formal or informal conferences. In some quarters this was considered as the likely step toward bridging over what differences may remain after the somewhat thorough airing of both sides of the case in Boston last week. It is said that such a bill, if framed, would not be binding unless approved by the large organization in each case.

After the failure of the Boston conference to agree Saturday the employers, both manufacturers and quarry owners, decided to meet again in Boston on Dec. 27, at which time the situation will be considered.

INJURY ENDS IN DEATH.

John Massaro Developed Peritonitis at Bethel.

Bethel, Dec. 19.—The funeral of John Massaro was held at St. Anthony's church yesterday at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. T. J. Luddy officiating. The bearers were Tony Petrillo, Domenico Lupo, Jerry DeMaffi of Windsor and Peter White.

Among those attending the funeral were Charles Morrell of Montpelier Junction and several section men from Northfield and Randolph. Interment was at Fairview cemetery.

Mr. Massaro, who was 49 years old, died Friday at the sanatorium of peritonitis, caused by an injury received while working on the C. V. R. section under his nephew, John Morrell, about a week ago. He was a widower, and was survived by three children at his former home in Majano, near Naples, Italy.

DIED AT BETHEL.

Mrs. John Hinkley Was a Native of Royalton.

Bethel, Dec. 19.—Mrs. John Hinkley, aged 57 years, died yesterday morning at the sanatorium, after a week's illness, of an injury received while working on the C. V. R. section under his nephew, John Morrell, about a week ago. He was a widower, and was survived by three children at his former home in Majano, near Naples, Italy.

The funeral will be held at Christ church in the village Wednesday.

Goddard Notes.

The Tufts College Glee club will render a concert at the Magnolia Hotel, Goddard, Sunday. Arrangements for this affair are now underway and from the present outlook the concert will surpass that of previous years. The club is composed of 36 men and the program will last two and a half hours. The glee club coming from Tufts college for the past number of years have always pleased the local people and Principal R. L. Davidson, who is in charge of the affair, assures the public that this year's concert will be a very attractive one.

Miss Ethelyn Carrier was called to her home in Glastonbury, Conn., last night by the sudden death of her grandfather. She will be accompanied by Miss Doris Smith as far as Holyoke, Mass.

John Deveraux of Brown university and a graduate of the class of '18 at Goddard, was a visitor at the school over the week end.

Miss Elsie Dods of South Hero visited with Miss Blanche Spaulding Saturday.

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